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Food Safety Task Force Sponsors Free Food Processing Webinar

Des Moines, Iowa (March 18, 2011) – The Iowa Food Safety Task Force is sponsoring a free, 90-minute webinar for anyone interested in processing fresh fruits or vegetables or making fresh salsa and guacamole. The *Fresh Cut Produce and Light Processing Webinar* is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

During the webinar, viewers will learn what is considered fresh cut produce and light processing, as well as learn about food safety best practices, product packaging and labeling requirements, and licensing requirements. Anyone interested in starting a light processing business or already involved in a light processing operation will benefit from this presentation. Presenters include Dr. Catherine H. Strohbehn, Iowa State University Extension Service, Dr. Ann Garvey, Iowa Department of Public Health, and Scott Platt, Environmental Specialist, Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals.

In order to participate in this free webinar, individuals must sign up at the following website: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/498168616>

The Iowa Food Safety Task Force is composed of representatives from state, regional and federal agencies and associations that work with consumers, regulators and food workers in food production, processing, food service and retail establishments to reduce food-borne illness in Iowa by improving food safety knowledge and skills.

Individuals with questions about the webinar or who experience difficulties with pre-registration should contact Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals' Food and Consumer Safety Bureau at (515) 281-6538.

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